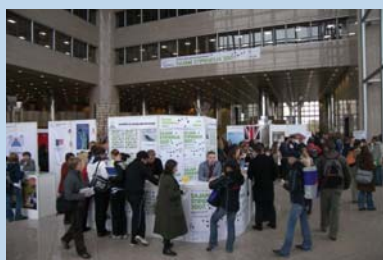


Program Highlights 2007

Taking the Lead: Organizing Annual Scholarships Fair

IDE organized the third annual Croatian Scholarships Fair in Zagreb on October 24, 2007. The event attracted over 6,000 visitors and received extensive media attention. Exhibitors included representatives of Croatian and foreign universities and colleges, foreign embassies and cultural centers, Croatian ministries, city and regional offices, and foundations and private companies. An Online Scholarship Fair was published on the official Fair website (www.stipendije.info), which students can access until May 1, 2008.



Enhancing the US Affiliates Community in Croatia

With support from the US Embassy in Zagreb, IDE has undertaken the project of Enhancing the US Affiliates Community in Croatia. Activities started in March 2007 and will end in February 2008. The goal of the project is to enhance the US alumni and professional community in Croatia and assist in the transfer of knowledge to the Croatian public, business, and civil sectors. Contact IDE to partner with US alumni in Croatia.



Key EducationUSA Partners

- ▶ US Embassy, Zagreb
- ▶ Croatian Ministry of Science, Education and Sports and its agencies, including the Agency for Adult Education and the Agency for Science and Higher Education
- ▶ Croatian universities, including the University of Dubrovnik, Rijeka and Osijek
- ▶ Research unit (CERD) within the Institute for Social Research in Zagreb
- ▶ The Croatian Government Council for the Organizations of the Civil Society

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	548	539
Total number of center inquiries:	14,547	11,775

Croatia

Advising Center Network

The Institute for the Development of Education (IDE) in Zagreb maintains a full-service EducationUSA advising center. IDE serves students all over Croatia by offering extensive outreach activities in university cities, Digital Video Conferences with US universities, as well as through specific projects with the US Embassy and various alumni initiatives.

Recent Trends: US Study ▼ -1.6%

- ▶ The number of Croatian students studying in the US has remained steady for several years. New York, California, Massachusetts, Florida, and Illinois remain popular states.
- ▶ Most university programs in Croatia implemented the new two-cycle and ECTS grading system. There is concern about how US institutions see 3-year Bologna compliant degrees.
- ▶ Students from Croatia are especially interested in US graduate and doctoral studies. Short-term study, professional development programs, and research programs are on the rise. Limited financial aid remains a major barrier (see below for IDE's Scholarships Fair).
- ▶ Fields of study most inquired: economics, humanities, computer sciences, and medicine.
- ▶ Common sports for student-athletes: soccer, tennis, basketball, and swimming.

Resource Links

Institute for the Development of Education, Zagreb: www.iro.hr

Croatian Ministry of Science, Education and Sports:

<http://public.mzos.hr/Default.aspx?sec=2504> (secondary education)

<http://public.mzos.hr/Default.aspx?sec=2510> (higher education)

Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	Croatian	Croatian
Years of study required:	3 or 4 years	3 or 4 years
Grading system & US equivalent:	5 grade system: excellent (5) – A very good (4) – A good (3) – B satisfactory (2) – C unsatisfactory (1) – F	5 grade system: excellent (5) – A very good (4) – A good (3) – B satisfactory (2) – C unsatisfactory (1) – F
Scholarship for US studies:	Information not available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulbright; Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowships Program • Open Society Institute Undergraduate Exchange Program • American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCESS (Jr. Faculty)

Upcoming Events 2008-2009

- ▶ October 2008: The 4th IDE Scholarship Fair offers opportunities for US institutions to promote their programs and scholarships in Croatia. Contact IDE for more details.
- ▶ November 2008: Digital Video Conferences are available as part of IDE's promotional package for US partners, universities, and community colleges. Contact IDE.

Partnering with EducationUSA Croatia

IDE offers information and advice on Croatian educational and grading systems, as well as special promotional packages for US higher education institutions. Additional plans include the establishment of a US scholarships foundation for Croatian students.

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